

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

Chair Haukohl called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Pat Haukohl (Chair), Bonnie Morris, Don Broesch, Joe Marchese, and Ken Herro. Genia Bruce arrived at 8:52 a.m. Jim Behrend arrived at 10:19 a.m. and left at 3:52 p.m.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee Chair Bill Mitchell, County Board Supervisor Joe Griffin, Clerk of Courts Carolyn Evenson, Business Manager Bob Snow, Senior Financial Analyst Mike Baniel, Budget Manager Keith Swartz, Health & Human Services Committee Chair Duane Stamsta, Veterans' Services Director John Margowski, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Senior Services Director Cathy Bellovary, Senior Financial Analyst Steve Krafcheck, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Administrative Services Manager Russ Kutz, Deputy Health & Human Services Director Don Maurer, ARCh (Association for the Rights of Citizens with Handicaps) Leisure Services Director Holli Parrott, ARCh Executive Director Glenn Lamping, and County Board Supervisor Vera Stroud.

Chair's Executive Committee Report of October 11

Haukohl advised of the following issues discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Approved 2005 operating budgets for UW-Extension, Federated Library, Community Development Block Grant, and Non-Departmental.
- Reviewed grants for UW-Extension and Federated Library.
- Sue Baker gave an update on the museum. They're doing quite well with fundraising efforts and building improvements.
- Discussed the amendment to Phase II of the Justice Center, basically stating they will look at other design options before 2006 including the possibility of completing all 4 floors of the secured courts tower.

Bruce arrived at 8:52 a.m.

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

Monday, October 18th.

Announcements

Haukohl indicated the Monday, October 25th meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. after Executive Meeting. Copies of the agenda were distributed.

Haukohl said any budget amendments by committee members should be submitted to Mark Mader or Lee Esler in the County Board Office to be drafted for Finance Committee consideration on October 25th.

Marchese said he met with County Highway staff this morning. Staff purchased a traveling crane for Highway Shop employees for safety and efficiency purposes.

Review Correspondence

Information pertaining to proposed ordinance 159-O-059 was distributed. The Finance Committee will consider this ordinance on Thursday, October 21st.

Discuss and Consider the 2005 Operating Budget for Circuit Court Services

Evenson, Snow, and Mitchell were present to review the proposed 2005 operating budget for Circuit Court Services as outlined in the budget book including their objectives. Total expenditures were budgeted at \$8,452,616 – an increase of \$104,364 or 1.3% from 2004. Total revenues were budgeted at \$4,235,000 – a decrease of \$1,000. Total tax levy was budgeted at \$4,217,616 – an increase of \$105,364 or 2.6%. Total positions decreased 0.03 FTE.

Behrend arrived at 10:19 a.m.

MOTION: Herro moved, second by Broesch to tentatively approve the 2005 operating budget for Circuit Court Services. Motion carried 7-0.

Discuss and Consider 2005 Operating Budgets for the Following Departments: a) Departments of Veterans' Services, b) Senior Services, and c) Health & Human Services

Margowski, Daniels, and Stamsta were present to discuss the proposed 2005 operating budget for the Veterans' Services Department including objectives. Total expenditures were budgeted at \$249,204 – an increase of \$2,000 or 0.81% from 2004. Total revenues were budgeted at \$13,000 – the same as 2004. The tax levy was budgeted at \$236,204 – an increase of \$2,000 or 0.85%. The total number of positions remained unchanged.

MOTION: Marchese moved, second by Broesch to tentatively approve the 2005 operating budget for the Veterans' Services Department. Motion carried 7-0.

Bellovary, Krafcheck, and Stamsta discussed the proposed 2005 operating budget for the Senior Services Department including their objectives. Total expenditures, all funds, were budgeted at \$3,412,764 – an increase of \$74,257 or 2.2% from 2004. Total revenues were budgeted at \$1,971,406 – an increase of \$39,257 or 2.0%. The tax levy was budgeted at \$1,441,358 – an increase of \$35,000 or 2.5%. The total number of positions increased 0.14 FTE.

The committee recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

MOTION: Herro moved, second by Morris to tentatively approve the 2005 operating budget for the Senior Services Department. Motion carried 7-0.

Schuler, Maurer, Kutz, and Stamsta discussed the proposed 2005 operating budget for the Health & Human Services Department including their objectives. Total expenditures, all funds, were budgeted at \$84,532,420 – an increase of \$11,882,005 or 16.4% from 2004. Total revenues were budgeted at \$65,927,596 – an increase of \$11,240,989 or 20.6%. The tax levy was budgeted at \$18,604,824 – an increase of \$641,107 or 3.6%. Total positions increased 0.73 FTE.

Two main budget drivers in this budget are the addition of the Autism Waiver program and the ICFMR placement program transferred to the county by the state. The committee expressed concern about continued state funding in these areas and what, if anything, the county could do if funding decreases.

Behrend left the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

MOTION: Broesch moved, second by Herro to tentatively approve the 2005 operating budget for the Health & Human Services Department. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Agenda Items

Discuss Possibility of Churches Paying Property Taxes (Herro)

MOTION: Marchese moved, second by Herro to adjourn at 4:14 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Recorded by Mary Pedersen, Legislative Associate.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Morris
Secretary